

Remarks

Paragraph 19 of the specification was amended in response to the Examiner's objection and Paragraph 35 was amended to correct a typographical error. Figures 2 and 3 were amended to include labels for units 200 and 300, respectively.

Claims 1-15 are currently pending. Claims 1, 6, 10, 13, and 14 are amended. New claim 15 has been added. No new matter has been introduced. Applicants assert that all claims are in condition for allowance as set forth more fully below.

Interview Summary

The undersigned participated in a telephone interview with the Examiner on February 15, 2005. During the interview, deficiencies in the Fong reference were discussed in relation to subject matter of the present application. Namely, it was discussed that Fong fails to disclose a method or system that teaches the use of a graphical user interface to (i) review error messages scanned from a user software application, (ii) allow for user assignment of severity levels to the error messages and (iii) allow for user assignment of a unique log file location for the error messages of the graphical user interface to specify where the computer application stores those error messages when generated. It was pointed out in contrast that Fong teaches a method of translating a computer file written in a first structured language to a second structured computer language using a predetermined mapping scheme. The Examiner requested that the arguments and amendments be submitted in writing.

Objection to the specification

Paragraph 34 was amended to correct the capitalization of "notification" in response to the examiner's objection. As such, the objection should now be withdrawn.

Objection to the drawings

Figures 2 and 3 have been amended to include labels for units 200 and 300, respectively. As such, the objection should now be withdrawn.

112 Rejections

Claim 1-9, 13 and 14 stand rejected under 35 USC §112 as being indefinite for failure to point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention and for lack of antecedent basis. Claim 1 is amended to clarify that the modifiable location is displayed on the graphical user interface and further clarify that the term “modified location” refers to the “modifiable location” when modified. Claim 1 is further amended to clarify that the term “modifiable location” is referring to a second location different from the first location of the source file. Dependent claims 2-9 depend from claim 1 and are also now allowable. Claim 10, 13 and 14 are amended to provide proper antecedent basis for “severity level data” in claims 13 and 14 and are now allowable. Therefore, the rejections for claims 1-9, 13 and 14 may now be withdrawn.

102 Rejections - Fong

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5 and 10-12 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Fong (US Pat 6,279,015). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

The Office Action rejects independent claims 1 and 10 by stating that Fong teaches all of their elements. The Office Action equates the method and system taught in Fong, for translating a computer file from one computer language to a second computer language using a user defined mapping scheme (Col. 1, l. 21-35; Col. 4, l. 4-10; Col. 32, l.21-40; Col. 37. l. 5-30), to the method and system of the claims 1 and 10.

Independent Claims 1 and 10 have been amended to more clearly recite that the source file containing the notification messages is at a location different than the modifiable second locations and have also been amended to more clearly recite that the corresponding modifiable severity codes and the log file locations are displayed simultaneously in the graphical user interface. For example, claim 1 recites, in part, a method comprising scanning at least one source file of a computer application to be monitored for one or more notification messages, the source file being stored in a first location, extracting the notification message from the source file, displaying the notification message in a graphical user interface, and displaying in the graphical user interface simultaneously with the notification message, a modifiable severity and a modifiable second location corresponding to the notification message whereby the

modifiable second location indicates a log file location where the notification messages are stored when generated by the computer application. These recitations of claim 1 and 10 are contrary to Fong.

It should be noted that Fong discloses utilizing a graphical user interface (a “GUI”) to visually create a computer language translation map for an entire source document (Col. 1, l. 25-27; Col 2, l. 47-50) which is user selected (Col. 4, l. 4-10). Thus Fong is not concerned with a method and system to scan for and display in a GUI a list of application notification messages that scanned from an application at one location so that a severity value for each notification message and a second location where actual notification messages will be stored when generated by the application can be simultaneously displayed with the notification messages. Nothing in Fong discloses both an application at a first location as well as a second location where notification messages are stored when generated by the application. Furthermore, nothing in Fong discloses the display of a notification message, modifiable severity, and a modifiable second location being simultaneously displayed in a graphical user interface. Fong’s disclosure of a user choosing to save a translation map or resulting translated program at a particular location is entirely different than displaying a second modifiable location which pertains to where the application being scanned will store the notification messages that ultimately get generated by the application.

Accordingly, claims 1 and 10 include recitations not disclosed by Fong and are allowable over Fong for at least these reasons. Dependent claims 2-9 and 11-14 depend from allowable claims 1 and 10 and are also allowable over Fong for at least the same reasons. Furthermore, several of these claims include additional features allowable over the cited references, such as claim 6 specifying that a data file that contains the extracted notification messages is stored at a third location, that the data file is processed to remove duplicate notification messages, and that the notification messages of the processed data file are displayed in the GUI. Furthermore, claim 15 recites that

103 Rejections

Claim 3 stands rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Fong in view of well known limitations. Claim 6 stands rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being

unpatentable over Fong in view of Trainer (US Pat 5,432,942). Claim 7 stands rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Fong in view of Trainer (US Pat 5,432,942) and Greenfield (US Pat 4,931,928). Claims 8-9, 13-14 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Fong in view of Warman (US Pat 5,657,221). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

As noted above for the §102 rejections, the claims in addition to independent claims 1 and 10 that have been rejected under 35 USC §103 depend from either allowable base claim 1 or 10 and are also allowable over the cited references for at least the same reasons.

New claim 15

New claim 15 has been included and recites subject matter similar to that of claim 1 and is allowable for at least those same reasons. Furthermore, claim 15 includes additional recitations that are not disclosed by the cited references such that claim 15 is allowable for additional reasons. For example, claim 15, recites executing the system monitor on a computer to monitor the modifiable second location for one of the notification messages and to generate an alert that specifies the modifiable severity that corresponds to the notification message that is found in the modifiable second location. The cited references fail to disclose each of these recitations such that new claim 15 is also allowable.

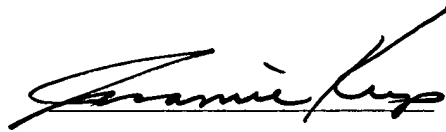
Conclusion

Applicants assert that the application including the specification, drawings and claims 1-15 is in condition for allowance. Applicants request reconsideration in view of the amendment and remarks above and further request that a Notice of Allowability be provided. Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

No fees are believed due. However, please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3025.

Respectfully submitted,

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